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DATE: November 21, 2001
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SUBJECT: Information Update #69
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1. Item #4 from Information Update #68 discussed EPA's plan to eliminate the use of CFC-113 (FreonTM) for oil and grease testing in water beginning January 1, 2002. Our Office received the following clarifications from the United States Environmental Protection Agency:
 - A. Laboratories can continue to use Freon for EPA Methods 413.1, 413.2 and 418.1 until the laboratory use exemption expires in 2005. The Freon must have been either produced or imported prior to January 1, 2002.
 - B. Permit holders and dischargers should make sure that after December 31, 2001 that their lab is using Freon produced or imported prior to January 1, 2002 for testing oil and grease and/or TPH in water. Permit holders will be subject to fines if the laboratory doing the analysis is using Freon produced or imported after the January 1, 2002 deadline.
2. On December 11, 2000 the Arizona Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee's technical subcommittee finalized a standardized set of data qualifiers designed to assist ADEQ project managers in assessing data quality (see Information Updates #63 and #64). These data qualifiers titled, Arizona Data Qualifiers (12/11/2000), can be found on our web page at: <http://www.azdhs.gov/lab/license/tech/infoup.htm>

Currently the Technical sub-committee is in the process of reviewing this list for possible additional data qualifiers. If you have any additional qualifiers you would like the committee to consider e-mail them to Prabha Acharya at: pachary@hs.state.az.us

3. At the last Arizona Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) meeting John Calkins,

Supervisor, Drinking Water Compliance and Enforcement, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) announced that ADEQ's Drinking Water Section has approved a short list of data qualifiers for the purposes of reporting compliance drinking water analytical results. This set of qualifiers titled, AZ Drinking Water Data Qualifiers 10/23/2001, along with a memo from John Calkins can be found on the Arizona Department of Health Services web page at: <http://www.azdhs.gov/lab/license/tech/infoup.htm>

4. If you have any questions regarding the Information Updates, or if you have any technical questions that need clarification, please call or send an e-mail to Prabha Acharya, Program Manager, Technical Resources and Training, at the Laboratory Licensure numbers/address. Copies of the Information Updates can now be found at our internet address: <http://www.azdhs.gov/lab/license/tech/index.htm>

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